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JORNAL DO BRASIL: FRONTPAGE HEADLINE: "KISSINGER
PROPOSES PLAN FOR MORE COOPERATION." IN VENEZUELAN
DISCUSSIONS, SECRETARY PROPOSED SIX-POINT PROGRAM
DESTINED TO REINFORCE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND REDUCE
POLITICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND LATIN AMERICA
TALKED ABOUT PASSING FROM THEORIES TO SOLUTIONS...
PROPOSED PLAN DOES NOT DIFFER FROM THE GENERIC TERMS
OF PAN-AMERICAN DIPLOMACY."
PAGE FOUR STORY WITH BRASILIA DATELINE HEADLINED
"ITAMARATY WILL ISSUE OFFICIAL KISSINGER PROGRAM TODAY
...EMPHASIS WHICH SOME CIRCLES GIVE TO DISCUSSIONS ON
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AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC DEFENSE HAD NO RESPONSE

AT ITAMARATY. ARTICLE MENTIONS RECENT SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR IN RIO IN WHICH HE AFFIRMS US WILLINGNESS TO EXPAND WORLD FOOD MARKETS, TO OPEN NORTH AMERICAN MARKETS TO BRAZILIAN PRODUCTS, AND TO COOPERATE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY INCREASE IN OIL PRICES."

LEAD EDITORIAL TITLED "LAST FRONTIER." FIRST PARAGRAPH SETS TONE: "EIGHT YEARS IN POWER SEPARATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER FROM LATIN AMERICA. ONE YEAR AFTER HE TOOK OVER COMMAND OF US FOREIGN POLICY IN 1968 WITH RICHARD NIXON, HE HAD INFORMAL MEETING WITH FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER GABRIEL VALDEZ WHO SAID KISSINGER CONFESSED HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT LATIN AMERICA. 'NEITHER SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN LEARNING.' AFTER HIS REELECTION, PRESIDENT NIXON PROMISED A DIPLOMATIC CHANGE IN RELATION TO LATIN AMERICA AND ASKED KISSINGER FOR PLAN TO IMPROVE AGREEMENTS ON CONTINENT...AS SECRETARY OF STATE, KISSINGER FORMALLY INVITED LATAM NATIONS TO NEW DIALOGUE AND ANNOUNCED STUDY OF ENTIRE NEW POLICY FOR HEMISPHERE. BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS A CRISIS WHICH FORCED POSTPONEMENT HIS INTEREST. AS A RESULT OF THESE CRISES AND NOW, WITH SOVIET PRESENCE IN ANGOLA, IT IS HIGH TIME THE GREAT AMERICAN STAR SHOWED UP HERE. LATIN AMERICAN BECAME THE LAST FRONTIER, THE LAST AREA FOR HIM TO APPLY HIS CHARM."

HEADING ACROSS PAGE NINE ARTICLE/ "KISSINGER IN VENEZUELA WARNS CUBA." CARACAS DESPATCH GIVES SIX-POINT PLAN FOR LATIN AMERICA AND SAYS ONE STUDENT WAS KILLED IN CARACAS RIOT IN PROTEST AGAINST VISIT. PROTESTS IN LIMA BY STUDENTS WHO CALLED SECRETARY "OFFICE BOY OF US IMPERIALISM."

"CADERNO B" HAS FEATURE STORY ON TWO-THIRDS PAGE ENTITLED "HENRY KISSINGER, THE SOLITARY SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE COWBOY," WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON KISSINGER CAREER.

O GLOBO ALSO RAN INSIDE PAGE STORY, DATELINED CARACAS, WITH HEADING ACROSS ENTIRE PAGE/ "KISSINGER: SIX PERSPECTIVES ("PERSPECTIVAS") FOR THE AMERICAS". LISTS SIX POINTS AND THEN QUOTES VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT AS SAYING THAT ONLY COMPLAINT HE DIRECT KISSINGER WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SEEMING DISINTEREST ON PART OF U.S. IN LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION, BUT ADMITS THAT SECRETARY'S FRANK RESPONSES TO DIMINISH THIS IMPRESSION.

JORNAL DO COMERCIO CARRIES CARACAS DESPATCH ON PAGE 2 WITH OF SIX-POINT PLAN PROPOSED BY SECRETARY. HEADLINED: " TO THE VENEZUELAN, KISSINGER CAME TOO LATE." ANOTHER DESPATCH FROM LIMA ENTITLED "IN LIMA DIALOGUE WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT". ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT, FOR

LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, "NEW DIALOGUE" STARTED BY KISSINGER IN TLATELOLCO AND CONTINUED IN ATLANTA, WAS INTERRUPTED BY TRADE ACT AND NOW "DEAD AND BURIED AND NOTHING THAT SECRETARY TRIES WILL REVIVE IT. EDITORIAL ENTILED "THE EXPECTEE VISIT", SAYS: "BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON FOR VISIT, SECRETARY OF STATE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT ANGOLAN PROBLEM AND CUBA'S PARTICIPATION IN IT WERE NOT MAIN OBJECTIVES OF HIS VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA. IT WOULD BE INCONCEIVABLE THAT SUCH A DELICATE MATTER WOULD BE ASIDE IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN KISSINGER AND CHANCELLOR AZEREDO"... "RECENT SPEECH MADE BY AMBASSADOR CRIMMINS COULD VERY WELL INDICATE THAT SECRETARY'S JB CAROON ON EDITORIAL PAGE SHOWS KISSINGER IN RESTAURANT IN FRONT OF TABLE WHERE COUPLE LOOKS ASTONISHED WHILE WAITER SAYS, "SORRY, BUT HE'S UNPREDICTABLE." SIGN ON TABLE READS "RESERVED FOR MR. H. KISSINGER".

O GLOBO FRONT-PAGED HEADLINE/ "BRAZIL-US GRAND COMMISSION PROJECT READY IN BRASILIA". SHORT LEAD, WITH CONTINUATION TO PAGE 5, SAYS AGREEMENT READY IN ITAMARATY TO BE SIGNED DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY, WAS NEGOTIATED WITH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS. IN SAO PAULO, DIRECTOR OF CACEX (ORGANIZATION CONTROLLING IMPORTS) SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH SECRETARY OF ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF BRAZILIAN SHOES. INSIDE PAGE HEADING: "CREATION OF HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION IS PRINCIPAL POINT OF AGREEMENT WITH US". WITH BRASILIA DATELINE, STORY LEADS OFF: CREATION OF GRAND COMMISSION WITH BRAZIL AND US - A HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTIVE ORGANIZATION, DIRECTED BY BRAZILIAN CHANCELLOR AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE -- IS PRINCIPAL POINT OF POLITICAL AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE SIGNED DURING KISSINGER'S VISIT TO BRAZIL... AGREEMENT WAS SET UP BY BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES AND NEGOTIATED WITH AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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DIPLOMATS. FINAL WORD FROM U.S. ON COMMISSION, HOWEVER, WILL BE GIVEN PERSONALLY BY SECRETARY IN MEETINGS WITH CHANCELLOR AZEREDO. VISIT WILL HAVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES WHICH COULD RPT. COULD OPEN NEW PHASE IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS". ULTIMA HORA HAS BRIEF INSIDE PAGE CARACAS STORY IN VERY CAPSULIZED FORM. MANCHETE HAS FOUR-PAGE PHOTO FEATURE ON SECRETARY. COPMANN

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